--- 7 Cigarettes -"Series of 1897" - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

--- recess printed in RED ink - with smooth yellow gum ---

With the growth of the Canadian flue-cured "Essex County" tobacco industry, in the late 1890's and early 1900's, a discriminatory tax was levied on *foreign tobacco*, and the "Series of 1897" ***green*** stamp was introduced for cigarettes manufactured purely from *domestic leaf* tobacco. The ***red*** stamps were originally used for warehousing purposes. As more *domestic* tobacco was used in production, ***red*** stamps were used to indicate a product made from a blend of *imported* and *domestic* tobaccos.

The collection does not contain, nor have I seen, a copy of **RC-168† -** the 7 cigarette "Series of 1897" printed ***in green ink*** except on eBay – **WANTED**

★**RC-154** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12

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rollered **6 - 8 / TOBACCO** by Rock City Tobacco

★**RC-154 CP** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12,
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

★**RC-154 CRP** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12,
stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered**

★**RC-154 SP** - 7 cigarettes, o.g., perf 12, stamped **SPECIMEN** in 4 mm. Gothic letters

★**RC-154** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12, a block of four with full yellow gum

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